

Alliance Lecturer Cates Does Some Work in His Own County.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

I am about to tell you of another successful trip made in old Alamance County, my home county. Well, on the morning of April 7th we were met in Burlington by our good friend, J. McGarrison, and carried out some eight miles in the northern part of the county to the splendid home of Brother Garrison. Here we found music and song and love, and prosperity apparent on every hand. That same night at 7.30 we went out to a nearby school-house which we found packed full of the good farmers and their wives, sons and daughters, and after being introduced in a most fitting manner by Bro. J. H. Walker, we proceeded to talk to these good people about the benefits of organization and of the old Farmers' Alliance. At the close of our remarks we saw a beautiful young lady pushing her way through the crowd. She came to the front and presented to your humble servant a bouquet of beautiful flowers as a token of the love and appreciation the ladies of Center Grove community held for the Farmers' Alliance. And what might we say for the standard bearer on that occasion? Well, let me say, dear young ladies, your gift was appreciated, but the motive that prompted the giver will ever be held in high esteem. May you live long and ever be happy! And the best of all was, when the opportunity was given quite a number of these ladies proved their faith by giving their names and were duly initiated into the grand old Order, and the membership of old Center Grove Alliance was doubled that night. Many more said it was a good Order, and they too would join soon.

The next night we went to Oakwood, some three miles west, and here we found still a greater number of the staunch farmers of that community, and the result was another strong Sug Alliance, composed of the most prosperous and energetic farmers in any county.

On Sunday night, the 9th, we went to old Union Ridge. Here we found a splendid Alliance hall owned by the Union Ridge Alliance, and we found many of the good farmers present, and at the close of our remarks here still more names were written on their roll. We spent that night with Bro. J. H. Walker, who is a good farmer, a good Alliance-man, and a citizen that any community might well feel proud of. He and Bro. J. McGarrison have our profoundest gratitude and love for their many kindnesses. Especially do we lift our hat to the fair ladies of these good homes. And how could we forget Bro. I. N. W. Garrison, with whom we spent the night so pleasantly? He, too, has a happy home and a splendid farm, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors.

Then - on Tuesday night, April 12th, we met a large number of the good farmers of Newlin Township at Concord school-house, and here we won another victory for our be-

loved Order, and another extra strong Sub Alliance was organized with George Stockard (son of the Hon. J. R. Stockard) for president, followed by Jeff Biddle, J. Manley Lewis, Thomas Moore, John Williams, A. F. Moore, Petter Cates, Clark Andrews, Henry Newlin and other good men whose names I can't call now, and this bids fair to be one of the strongest Alliances in Alamance County.

On Thursday, April 17th, promptly at 12 o'clock, the County Alliance met in the court-house in Graham and at the call of the roll every old Sub and every new one was present. Here we saw the fruition of hope and the fruitage of our labor and our hearts were made glad because it was evident that the farmers of old Alamance had once more realized the importance of co-operation, of organization, of heads together like other classes of intelligent men. And now that the wave is in motion, you may expect to hear of still greater developments along this same line.

Every Sub Alliance in the county has an agent for The Progressive Farmer, and so has every Alliance that I have organized in the last twelve months. Let me ask these friends of our paper to push the work. We all admit that it is one of the ablest, cleanest and best family and agricultural papers that is to be found in any home. I consider it exceedingly fortunate that the farmers of North Carolina can have such a paper as The Progressive Farmer, with such able men as make up the editorial staff printed in our own beloved State. Don't fail to look after our paper.

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